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1. [ ] Called Ralph Malvik, OMB, to report that the Agency is in full support of GSA's draft bills to amend 5 U.S.C. 5724a(a)(3) and (4) to liberalize conditions under which an employee may be entitled to subsistence expenses while occupying temporary quarters; and liberalizing code provisions which authorize reimbursement for the expenses of sale and purchase of a residence upon the transfer of an employee. No written response is required.

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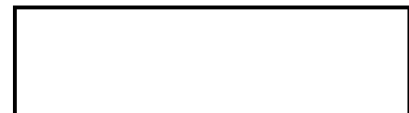
2. [ ] At Mr. Cary's instruction, called Russ Rourke in the White House regarding H. Res. 400. I inquired whether his office had been requested for comments by the House Committee on International Relations and what the Administration's position was. I told him we had some special problems with this because of the section of our charter which exempted the Agency from the provision of any law requiring disclosure of the names, numbers, or functions of personnel. Rourke was quite sympathetic to our problem but said he believed this resolution was being handled by the office of Phil Buchen, Counsel to the President. He then suggested I call Rod Hills, whom he said had been newly appointed as deputy to Mr. Buchen and who would know what action was being taken. I subsequently called Hills at the number Rourke provided but he was tied up and said he would get back to me this afternoon.

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3. [ ] Called the office of the Senate Committee on Government Operations regarding S. 653, Senator William Proxmire's (D., Wisc.) bill to permit GAO audits of CIA accounts and operations. I was referred to Elizabeth Priest, one of the clerks for the Committee, who said that the bill had not been assigned to a subcommittee and that no agencies had yet been asked for comments. According to Ms. Priest, the Committee has taken no action on the bill whatsoever except to assign staff member Paul Hoff to handle it.

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30. [ ] Called Jack Marsh, Counselor to the <sup>STAT</sup> President, and advised him of the request the Director received this morning at the briefing of the Defense Subcommittee of House Appropriations for the report the Director submitted to the President on 24 December 1974 on domestic activities. (See Journal item 26) I also discussed with Marsh the Budget Committees and GAO audit problems saying I had the impression OMB might be ready to give up to the Budget Committees whatever they want regarding the Agency budget. I told him I would keep him posted on this. I mentioned Representative Elizabeth Holtzman's "Resolution of Inquiry" (H. Res. 400) regarding American citizens in South Vietnam. Marsh had asked that I keep him informed on these and related subjects.

31. [ ] Called Guy McConnell, Senate Appropriations <sup>STAT</sup> Committee staff, regarding the Director's briefing of the Intelligence Operations Subcommittee on 23 April. I said this would be a world wrapup but I didn't know if they still wanted Vietnam covered. McConnell said they did and also the Middle East and the Kurds. I told him the Director had a session with Chairman Sparkman, Senator Case and Pat Holt, of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, yesterday for a covert action session. McConnell also brought up the budget presentation. He said the Director will have the first and last session of two consecutive days (community in the morning of the first day and Agency in the afternoon of the second day). The suggested dates are 29 and 30 April, 1, 6, 7, or 8 May. I told him I would call him back tomorrow and let him know which two days the Director prefers.

32. [ ] Spoke to Ron Tammen of Senator William <sup>STAT</sup> Proxmire (D., Wis.) staff concerning a request by academic researchers through the Senator for breakdown of dollar costs of Soviet military programs. Specifically, he told me what kind of information was needed, which had not been included in the unclassified Joint Economic Committee paper on this subject, already made available to him several months ago.

33. [ ] Took a call from Max Friedersdorf, <sup>STAT</sup> Legislative Assistant to the President who wanted to know what bills had been introduced to date on covert action. I reviewed the bills with him briefly on the phone and said that I would be glad to send him a package on this legislation which had been drawn together in anticipation of his request. He said he would appreciate that and the material was sent by courier, shortly after noon.

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20. [REDACTED] Received a call from the Legislative Reference Division, Office of Management and Budget, with three legislative referral memos (two on Civil Service Commission draft bills and one on H. R. 3310) for pick up. The couriers were so notified.

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21. [REDACTED] Frank Schwartz, FBI Liaison, called and asked how the Agency handles its audits by GAO. He said he needed this information since GAO is to conduct a full audit of the FBI and they have never previously been audited. I explained that GAO does not conduct an audit of CIA, principally due to a decision made by GAO a number of years ago due to the expressed limitations in the Agency's enabling legislation. GAO initially conducted a limited audit, however, they later decided that the arrangement did not allow a proper audit. Schwartz said he would check with other agencies.

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